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# Town Warrant

To L. R. Ramsdell ,a citizen of the town of Ripley, in the county of Somerset, GREETING:

In the name of the state of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Ripley, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the town house in said town on the third day of March at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3 To hear the report of town officers.

Art. 4. To choose three or more selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor.

Art. 5. To choose a town Treasurer.

Art. 6. To see if the town will by ballot recommend one or more road commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To choose one or more Superintending School Committee.

Art. 8. To choose an Auditor.

Art. 9. To choose a Fire Ward.

Art. 10. To choose one or more Trustees for the Crocker Library.

Art. 11. To choose a Collector of Taxes.

Art. 12. To choose all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $500 to be expended on the Chandler Swamp road so called, provided that the state raise the sum of $1000, the joint sum to be expended under the direction of the State Highway Commission.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in Section 19 of Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916.

Art. 15. To see it the town will appropriate and raise the sum of $300 for the improvement of the section of State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provision of Section 18 of Chapter 25, of the revised Statues of 1916.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise $50 for early patrol work.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $100 to be expended on the road between W. H. Farrar's house and Harmony town line.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the section of road for state aid improvement for the year 1919 as recommended by the selectmen and approved by the State Highway Commissioner.

Art. 19. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of roads and bridges.

Art. 20. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for breaking roads in winter.

Art. 21. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of schools.

Art. 22. To see if the town will grant and raise

the sum of $10 to purchase a flag in District No. 3.

Art. 23. To see if the town will authorize the school committee to hold schools in districts where the average attendance falls below eight scholars, if in their judgement it is advisable to do ao.

Art. 24. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the purchase of school books.

Art. 25. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the repair of school houses.

Art. 26. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for miscellaneous school expenses.

Art. 27. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of poor.

Art. 28. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay tuition for High school scholars.

Art. 29. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay interest on town orders.

Art. 30. To see how much money the town will grant and raise to pay town charges.

Art. 31. To see how much money the town will grant and raise for the support of the Crocker Library.

Art. 32. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Art. 33. To act on any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said town, and hearing and deciding upon applications of persons claiming to have their names entered upon said list, at the town house at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the said day of meeting.

Given under our hands the 15th day of February, A. D. 1919.

C. W. WAKEFIELD,
E. R. FELKER,
R. H. FARRAR,
Selectmen of Ripley.

# Assessors' Report

LIST OF LIVE STOCK

| | Av. Value | Total Value |
|---|---|---|
| 167 Horses and mules, | $107 51 | $17,965 00 |
| 4 Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old, | 93 75 | 375 00 |
| 4 Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old, | 58 75 | 235 00 |
| 12 Colts under 2 yrs. old, | 45 41 | 545 00 |
| 348 Cows, | 37 27 | 12,970 00 |
| 2 Oxen, | 50 00 | 100 00 |
| 103 Three year olds, | 32 33 | 3,330 00 |
| 152 Two year olds, | 22 03 | 3,350 00 |
| 67 Sheep, | 7 98 | 535 00 |
| Total valuation of live stock, | | $39,405 00 |

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

| | Av. Value | Total Value |
|---|---|---|
| 158 One year olds, | $15 53 | $2,455 00 |
| 323 Sheep, | 7 27 | 2,350 00 |
| 101 Swine, | 12 52 | 1,265 00 |
| Total amount, | | $6,070 00 |

VALUATION FOR THE YEAR 1918

| | |
|---|---|
| Resident real estate, | $112,235 00 |
| Non resident real estate, | 20,735 00 |
| Resident personal estate, | 47,140 00 |

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|---|---|
| Non resident personal estate, | 2,090 00 |
| Total valuation, | $182,200 00 |

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1918

| | |
|---|---|
| Support of schools, | $ 900 00 |
| Removing snow in spring, | 200 00 |
| Roads and bridges in summer, | 1,000 00 |
| Breaking roads, | 300 00 |
| Support of poor, | 300 00 |
| Purchase of school books, | 75 00 |
| Repair of schoolhouses, | 125 00 |
| To pay town charges, | 1,000 00 |
| For Crocker library, | 50 00 |
| For interest on town orders, | 90 00 |
| To pay damages to Irving Tewksbury, | 5 00 |
| To repair board fences, | 50 00 |
| For tuition of High school scholars, | 70 00 |
| For state tax, | 1,062 01 |
| For county tax, | 236 91 |
| Total | $5,463 92 |

TAXES ASSESSED IN 1918

| | |
|---|---|
| Assessed on polls, | $ 336 00 |
| resident real estate, | 3,254 83 |
| non resident real estate, | 601 33 |
| resident personal estate, | 1,367 03 |
| non resident personal estate, | 60 61 |
| Total sum assessed, | $5,619 80 |
| Amount raised by town, | 5,463 92 |
| Overlay, | $155 88 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Rate, | .029 |
| Number of polls, | 112 |
| Number polls not taxed, | 25 |

# Selectmen's Report

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | $5,463 92 | |
| Received from State for schools, | 617 52 | |
| tuition of High school scholars | 91 33 | |
| equalization fund, | 195 00 | |
| rebate on dog tax, | 7 08 | |
| damage to sheep, | 170 00 | |
| state pauper, | 244 65 | |
| on patrol road (special), | 33 00 | |
| Overlay, | 155 88 | |
| Railroad and telegraph tax, | 3 83 | |
| City of Bangor, J. E. Leaman bill, | 3 75 | |
| Centennial fund, | 12 75 | |
| J. S. Laughton, school desk, | 1 00 | |
| Supplementary tax, 1917-1918, | 6 00 | |
| Interest on Bartlett Tripp fund, | 4 00 | |
| Cash from E. E. Skillings, | 6 00 | |
| Money hired, | 600 00 | |
| Rent of Bryant place, | 10 00 | |
| Total, | | $ 7,625 71 |

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount appropriated by town, | $900 00 |
| Unexpended in 1917-18, | 176 72 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from State: | | |
| Common school fund, | 308 65 | |
| School and mill fund, | 308 87 | |
| Interest on school fund, | 32 43 | |
| Equalization fund, | 195 00 | |
| | | $1,921 67 |
| Paid on Supt. orders, | | 1,629 55 |
| Unexpended, | | $292 12 |
| Due janitors, estimated, | | $15 00 |

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | $75 00 |
| Paid on Supt. orders, | 71 13 |
| Unexpended, | $ 3 87 |

REPAIR OF SCHOOLHOUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | $100 00 |
| Paid on Supt. orders, | 74 00 |
| Unexpended, | $ 26 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL ACCOUNT

| | |
|---|---|
| Appropriated, | $25 00 |
| Paid on Supt. orders, | 24 39 |
| Unexpended, | $ .61 |

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | $70 00 | |
| Unexpended 1917-18, | 30 98 | |
| Received from State, | 91 33 | |
| Available, | | $ 192 31 |
| Paid on Supt. orders, | | 179 00 |
| Unexpended, | | $ 13 31 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due Maine Central Institute, estimated, | | $35 00 |

CROCKER LIBRARY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | | $50 00 |
| Paid on trustees' orders, | | 50 00 |

REMOVING SNOW IN SPRING 1918

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | | $200 00 |
| Paid on road commissioners' orders, | | 225 30 |
| Overdrawn, | | $25 30 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SUMMER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | $1,000 00 | |
| Received from State for patrol road, | 33 00 | |
| Available, | | $1,033 00 |
| Paid State for patrol work, | $470 85 | |
| Paid on Road Commissioner's orders, | 704 76 | |
| Total, | | $1,175 61 |
| Overdrawn, | | 142 61 |

BREAKING ROADS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount appropriated by town, | | $300 00 |
| Paid on road commissioner's orders, winter 1918, | | 156 70 |
| Unexpended, | | $143 30 |

INTEREST ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Ammount appropriated by town, | | $90 00 |
| Paid on orders Nos. 203, 6, 62, 228, | $53 00 | |
| Paid on school fund order, | 32 43 | |
| | | 85 43 |
| Unexpended, | | $4 57 |

## REPAIR OF BOARD FENCES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | | $50 00 |
| Paid R. H. Farrar, | | 10 07 |
| Unexpended, | | $39 93 |

## SHEEP DAMAGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for sheep killed or injured,: | | |
| L. S. Strout, | | $50 00 |
| J. S. Laughton, | | 75 00 |
| Liston Carr, | | 45 00 |
| Total paid, | | $170 00 |
| Received from State, | | $170 00 |

## ROAD DAMAGE

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Appropriated by town, | | $5 00 |
| Paid Irving Tewksbury, | | 5 00 |

## CENTENNIAL FUND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Received from C. E. Tripp, | | $12 75 |
| Paid Fred Neal (for pictures), | | 12 65 |
| Unexpended, | | $ 10 |

## STATE PAUPER

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Herbert Skillings, board of Geo. Tomlinson, | $234 00 | |
| Supplies, | 10 65 | |
| | | $244 65 |
| Received from State, | | 244 65 |

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid C. W. Wakefield, selectman, assessor, | $65 00 |
| Earl Felker, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, | 35 00 |

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|---|---|
| R. H. Farrar, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor, | 35 00 |
| Mrs. R. W. Felker, overseer of poor, | |
| Jas. A. Hamlin, superintendent of schools, | 150 00 |
| C. S. Downing, treasurer, | 25 00 |
| P. T. Additon, town clerk and expenses, | 11 77 |
| C. E. Hanson, collecting taxes, | 84 30 |
| E. W. Farrar, constable, | 12 00 |
| Total, | $418 07 |

TAXES ABATED

| | |
|---|---|
| Scott Osbourne, (1914) personal, unable to pay, | $ 4 05 |
| Allie Raymond, (1918) paid in St. Albans, | 3 00 |
| Sam Pearl, (1916-1917) received help from other towns, | 6 00 |
| Edgar Hackett, (1914) death, | 70 |
| Total, | $13 75 |

TOWN CHARGES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount appropriated by town, | $1,000 00 | |
| Overlay, , | 155 88 | |
| Dog licenses refunded, | 7 08 | |
| R. R. and telegraph tax, | 3 83 | |
| Available, | | $1,166 79 |
| Paid for: | | |
| Town reports, | $ 38 50 | |
| Books, stationery and postage, | 18 63 | |
| Glass for town hall, | 30 | |
| Time and expense of C. W. Wakefield before State assessors, | 4 00 | |
| Rebate on taxes as per vote of town: | | |
| G. A. Hersom, | 12 00 | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Carl Wakefield, | 9 00 | |
| Hartley Webber, | 12 00 | |
| C. E. Tripp, ballot clerk, | 4 00 | |
| J. A. Page, ballot clerk, | 4 00 | |
| Discount on taxes, | 122 33 | |
| J. A. Page, watering tub, | 3 00 | |
| J. A. Page, care of cemetery, West Ripley, Tripp lot, | 4 00 | |
| J. A. Page, care of Fern Dale cemetery, | 5 00 | |
| C. S. Downing, care of cemetery, | 3 00 | |
| C. S. Downing, treasurer's expense, | 1 00 | |
| Town officers' bills, | 418 07 | |
| C. S. Downing, driving hearse, | 21 00 | |
| Total, | | $679 83 |
| Unexpended, | | $486 96 |

SUMMARY OF TOTAL EXPENSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid for support of schools, | $1,629 55 |
| repair of schoolhouses, | 74 00 |
| school books, | 71 13 |
| miscellaneous school account, | 24 39 |
| High school tuition, | 179 00 |
| care of Crocker library, | 50 00 |
| support of poor, | 310 00 |
| State pauper, | 244 65 |
| damage to sheep, | 170 00 |
| Centennial pictures, | 12 65 |
| road damage, | 5 00 |
| repair of board fences, | 10 07 |
| roads and bridges, summer, | 704 76 |
| removing snow, | 225 30 |
| breaking roads, | 156 70 |
| town charges, | 679 83 |

| | |
|---|---|
| interest bearing orders, | 600 00 |
| interest on orders, | 53 00 |
| State tax, | 1,062 01 |
| County tax, | 236 91 |
| State for patrol services, | 470 85 |
| old orders, | 761 85 |
| taxes abated, | 13 75 |

RESOURCES

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from State dog tax rebate (est.), | $ 10 00 |
| tuition High school scholars, | 119 31 |
| town on notes, | 51 90 |
| steel culvert (16 ft.), | 32 00 |
| State pension, | 12 00 |
| from collector, 1913, | 21 90 |
| 1914, | 9 00 |
| 1916, | 3 00 |
| 1917, | 12 00 |
| Total Resources, | $271 11 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Due on orders bearing interest, | $100 00 |
| Maine Central Institute, estimated, | 35 00 |
| janitors, estimated, | 15 00 |
| | $150 00 |
| Balance in favor of town, | $121 11 |

We, the undersigned selectmen of Ripley, present to you the above report showing the expenditures of the current year also the financial standing of the town as shown by the books for the year ending February 20, 1919.

C. W. WAKEFIELD,
E. R. FELKER,
R. H. FARRAR,
Selectmen of Ripley.

# Report of Overseers of the Poor

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount raised by town, | | $300 00 |
| Received from Frank Brailey rent, | | 10 00 |
| Available, | | 310 00 |
| E. W. Farrar, potatoes 1917, | $ 1 75 | |
| Paid Edward Page, sexton, | 5 00 | |
| L. R. Ramsdell, supplies, | 65 34 | |
| R. H. Farrar, supplies, | 16 50 | |
| Stanley Raymond, supplies, | 24 23 | |
| Will Wood, fuel, | 67 50 | |
| Laura Bryant, rent, | 30 00 | |
| Wm. Stewart, care, | 16 00 | |
| Flora Clark, care, | 10 00 | |
| Dr. J. W. Sawyer, medical services, | 10 35 | |
| Hutchinson & Gates Co., | 42 00 | |
| Rev. F. Ernest Smith, | 3 50 | |
| | | $ 292 17 |
| Bal. brought forward, | | $292 17 |
| Unexpended, | | 17 83 |
| | | $310 00 |

E. R. FELKER,
R. H. FARRAR,
MRS. R. W. FELKER,
Overseers of the Poor.

# Road Commissioner's Report

EARLY PATROL WORK

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | E. L. Sevey, | $45 00 |
| | R. W. Felker, | 12 00 |
| | C. W. Wakefield, | 6 00 |
| | E. R. Felker, | 3 00 |
| | Total | $66 00 |

REMOVING SNOW

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | Walter McDonald, | $ 3 90 |
| | Chas. McDonald, | 3 90 |
| | Ivan Farrar, | 2 40 |
| | Eugene Lawrence, | 3 30 |
| | Roy Lane, | 8 25 |
| | R. M. Lane, | 13 25 |
| | Chas. Russell, | 3 60 |
| | A. L. Farrar, | 2 70 |
| | S. M. Hopkins, | 8 70 |
| | George Brown, | 5 25 |
| | Leslie McDonald, | 2 25 |
| | Wm. Wood, | 8 50 |
| | M. F. Woodcock, | 8 60 |
| | Agnes Ham, | 5 25 |
| | C. S. Downing, | 2 70 |
| | Harry Skillings, | 2 10 |
| | R. E. Libby, | 7 80 |

| | |
|---|---|
| E. W. Bane, | 15 00 |
| A. L. Ellms, | 7 50 |
| Amos Lord, | 13 00 |
| Albra Rummery, | 1 25 |
| Geo. Nutter, | 7 00 |
| Clayton Courser, | 4 50 |
| J. L. Felker, | 10 50 |
| L. S. Strout, | 3 30 |
| C. P. Kittridge, | 4 10 |
| F. L. Tibbetts, | 9 00 |
| H. L. Bane, | 8 00 |
| Roland Kittridge, | 2 10 |
| E. E. Pingree, | 2 40 |
| E. R. Felker, | 1 80 |
| R. W. Felker, | 6 30 |
| Eugene White, | 1 80 |
| E. L. Sevey, | 8 40 |
| Walter Dunlap, | 2 10 |
| Will Pratt, | 4 80 |
| Harry Kittridge, | 1 00 |
| Total, | $206 30 |

SUMMER

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. M. Hopkins, | $29 67 |
| L. R. Ramsdell, | 3 09 |
| Clayton Courser, | 10 50 |
| A. L. Farrar, | 18 00 |
| E. R. Felker, plank, | 32 79 |
| Geo. Brown, | 31 50 |
| L. S. Strout, | 1 50 |
| C. P. Kittridge, | 32 00 |
| Harry Kitridge, | 21 00 |
| Roland Kittridge, | 1 50 |
| Gene White, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Knowles, | 1 65 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Bernard Brown, | 3 00 |
| J. D. Robinson, | 13 00 |
| Will Wood, labor and gravel, | 3 25 |
| J. M. Boynton, | 28 00 |
| C. S. Downing, | 25 50 |
| A. M. Stafford, | 25 20 |
| R. W. Felker, plank, | 11 80 |
| O. L. Sawyer, | 9 00 |
| R. W. Felker, | 95 17 |
| E. R. Felker, | 70 50 |
| E. R. Felker, dynamite and iron for machine, | 3 50 |
| E. L. Sevey, | 106 50 |
| E. L. Sevey, plank, | 20 50 |
| Fay & Scott, grinding machine knife, | 3 25 |
| Cutting edge | 9 50 |
| L. L. Stafford, | 90 |
| C. W. Wakefield, | 9 00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Lane, plank and labor, | 5 25 |
| Harry Kittridge, | 6 00 |
| L. R. Ramsdell, spikes, | 24 |
| Eddie Page, | 7 35 |
| M. A. Randall, cutting bushes, | 37 50 |
| Total, | $678 15 |

BREAKING ROADS

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid S. M. Hopkins, | $ 4 25 |
| Will Wood, | 7 00 |
| Frank Wakefield, | 3 00 |
| M. F. Woodcock, | 6 00 |
| Albert Jones, | 3 00 |
| C. S. Downing, | 3 25 |
| Amos Lord, | 7 50 |
| Albra Rummery, | 7 25 |
| Albra Rummery, 1917, | 7 50 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Geo. Nutter, | 6 12 |
| C. P. Kittridge, | 7 50 |
| F. L. Tibbetts, | 8 48 |
| H. L. Bane, | 8 50 |
| O. L. Sawyer, 1917, | 14 75 |
| M. A. Randall, | 10 00 |
| Eugene White, | 6 50 |
| J. S. Laughton, | 3 00 |
| Ed. Wheeler, | 2 00 |
| Walter Dunlap, | 9 00 |
| Will Pratt, | 8 00 |
| L. L. Stafford, | 60 |
| Agnes Ham, damage to field, | 8 00 |
| Will Pratt, damage to field, | 2 00 |
| Chas. Wakefield, | 3 25 |
| John Wakefield, | 10 05 |
| Eddie Page, | 5 40 |
| F. L. Tibbetts, | 2 00 |
| Frank Wakefield, | 1 00 |
| A. L. Ellms, | 3 00 |
| Total | $167 90 |

R. W. FELKER,
Road Commissioner.

# Treasurer's Report

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To school fund order, | $540 55 |
| cash in treasury, | 249 88 |
| Mansell's notes, | 43 20 |
| amount due from collector, 1913, | |
| amount due from collector, 1914, | |
| amount due from collector, 1916, | |
| amount due from collector, 1917, | |
| cash from J. S. Laughton for schoolhouse desk, | 1 00 |
| cash from C. E. Tripp for centennial pictures, | 12 75 |
| cash from city of Bangor, | 3 75 |
| cash from clerk for dog tax, | 50 00 |
| money hired, | 600 00 |
| cash from state for highway dep't, | 33 00 |
| cash from state for equalization fund, | 195 00 |
| cash from state for damage to domestic animals, | 170 00 |
| cash from state for dog licenses refunded, | 7 08 |
| cash from state for school and mill fund, | 308 87 |
| cash from state for common school fund, | 308 65 |
| cash from state for R. R. and tel. tax, | 3 83 |
| cash from state for support of paupers, | 244 65 |
| cash from state for soldiers' pensions, | 69 00 |
| cash from selectmen on poor account, | 10 00 |
| committment, | 5,619 80 |
| interest on Bartlett Tripp fund, | 4 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| supplementary taxes, 1917-1918, | 6 00 |
| interest on school fund, order, | 32 43 |
| cash from state for High school tuition, | 91 33 |
| cash from E. E. Skillings, | 6 00 |

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|---|---|
| By school fund order, | $ 540 55 |
| dog tax paid state, | 50 00 |
| county tax, | 236 91 |
| state tax, | 1,062 01 |
| soldiers' pensions, | 69 00 |
| patrolman, | 470 85 |
| soldiers' pensions, | 12 00 |
| interest on orders, | 53 00 |
| Mansell's notes, | 51 90 |
| amount due from collector, 1913, | 21 90 |
| amount due from collector, 1914, | 9 00 |
| amount due from collector, 1916, | 3 00 |
| amount due from collector, 1917, | 12 00 |
| orders turned over, | 5,145 05 |
| old orders paid, | 761 85 |
| interest on school fund order, | 32 43 |
| cash in treasury, | 154 09 |

C. S. DOWNING, Treas.

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## LIBRARY ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To cash in Dexter Trust & Banking Co., | $625 60 |
| cash from state, | 5 00 |
| interest, | 22 07 |
| | $652 67 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| By cash in Dexter Trust & Banking Co., | $652 67 |

C. S. DOWNING, Treas.

# Report of Superintendent of Schools

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To amount raised by town, | $900 00 | |
| school and mill fund, | 308 87 | |
| common school fund, | 308 65 | |
| equalization fund, | 195 00 | |
| interest on school fund, | 32 43 | |
| balance 1917-1918, | 176 72 | |
| Total, | | $1,921 67 |

TEACHERS' WAGES

| Order No. | | |
|---|---|---|
| 2. | Valerie McAlister, | $ 95 00 |
| 3. | Myra Seavey, | 92 50 |
| 6. | Mrs. Helen Higgins, | 104 50 |
| 13. | Mrs. Inez Wakefield, | 130 00 |
| 39. | Frances Glidden, | 40 00 |
| 40. | Myra Seavey, | 40 00 |
| 41. | Angie Higgins, | 40 00 |
| 42. | Mrs. Helen Higgins, | 40 00 |
| 44. | Frances Glidden, | 30 00 |
| 47. | Mrs. Helen Higgins, | 70 00 |
| 52. | Frances Glidden, | 60 00 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 53. | Angie Higgins, | 90 00 | |
| 54. | Myra Seavey, | 16 00 | |
| 55. | Mrs. Inez Wakefield, | 55 00 | |
| | Wilma Mayo, | 50 00 | |
| | Angie Higgins, | 60 00 | |
| | Frances Glidden, | 60 00 | |
| | Flora Packard, | 66 00 | |
| | Total, | | 1,139 00 |

FUEL ACCOUNT

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 74. | F. L. Tibbetts, | $ 2 00 | |
| 29. | F. L. Tibbetts, | 30 00 | |
| 48. | C. E. Jones, | 55 00 | |
| 59. | H. L. Wakefield, | 50 00 | |
| 72. | E. W. Farrar, | 20 00 | |
| [illegible]. | H. L. Wakefield, | 10 00 | |
| | Total, | | $167 00 |

CONVEYANCE

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | E. E. Doyle, | $45 00 | |
| 12. | E. E. Doyle, | 45 00 | |
| 43. | Wm. Hoyt, | 50 00 | |
| 57. | Wm. Hoyt, | 80 00 | |
| 68. | Susie Lane, | 66 00 | |
| | Total, | | $286 00 |

JANITOR SERVICES

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Myra Seavey, | 2 50 | |
| 7. | Lester Pingree, | 3 85 | |
| 8. | Treasurer school improvement league, district No. 1, | 2 50 | |
| 14. | Donald Southard, | 4 55 | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| 50. | Lester Pingree, | 1 05 | |
| 51. | Clarence Wood, | 2 80 | |
| 52. | Frances Glidden, | 6 50 | |
| 53. | Angie A. Higgins, | 7 80 | |
| 55. | Mrs. Inez Wakefield, | 6 00 | |
| | Total, | | $37 55 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Teachers' wages, | $1,139 00 | |
| Fuel, | 167 00 | |
| Conveyance, | 286 00 | |
| Janitors' services, | 37 50 | |
| Total, | | $1,629 55 |

SUMMARY

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|---|---|---|
| Dr., | $1,921 67 | |
| Cr., | 1,629 55 | |
| Balance, | | $292 12 |

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To balance 1917-1918, | $30 98 | |
| local taxation, | 70 00 | |
| State aid, | 91 33 | |
| Total resources, | | $192 31 |

Cr.

| Order No. | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5. | Maine Central Institute, tuition of Rena and John Laughton, winter and spring terms, | $48 00 |

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| Town of Harmony, tuition of Doris Felker and Vivian Bane, order No. 48, | 30 00 | |
| Town of Harmony, tuition of Doris Felker, one half year, order No. 61, | 36 00 | |
| Town of Dexter, tuition of Bernice Bowdoin, Fall and Winter terms, and Franklin Hurd Winter term, and Doris Lane, (1917) one-half term, order No. 63, | 35 00 | |
| Total, | | $179 00 |

The bill for this year's tuition at Maine Central Institute has not yet been received, so this will give a small deficit in this account.

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| Town appropriation, | $75 00 |

Cr.

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9. | D. Appleton & Co., | $2 67 | |
| 10. | Little, Brown & Co., | 5 76 | |
| 34. | The McMillan Co., | 7 53 | |
| 35. | American Book Co., | 11 72 | |
| 36. | Ginn & Co., | 19 97 | |
| 56. | Silver, Burdette & Co., | 6 08 | |
| 60. | American Book Co., | 5 20 | |
| 69. | Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., | 12 20 | |
| | | | $ 58 93 |

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| Town Appropriation, | $25 00 |

Cr.

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | Dowling School Supply Co., | $11 23 | |
| 33. | L. R. Ramsdell, | 3 40 | |
| 45. | Worid Book Co., | 2 40 | |
| 16. | E. E. Babb & Co., | 60 | |
| 37. | Loring, Short & Harmon, | 90 | |
| 70. | Jas. A. Hamlin, | 5.86 | |
| | Total expended, | | $24 89 |
| | Balance | | $ 61 |

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To amount appropriated by town, | $100 00 |

Cr.

| Order No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 76. | O. McPhetres, | $ 2 00 | |
| 75. | F. L. Tibbetts, | 2 00 | |
| 26. | E. W. Farrar, | 14 00 | |
| 27. | A. J. Jones, | 12 37 | |
| 28. | J. S. Laughton, | 20 00 | |
| 30. | F. L. Tibbetts, | 5 00 | |
| 31. | Augustus Seavey, | 3 00 | |
| 32. | Mrs. F. M. Hoyt, | 1 00 | |
| 49. | F. L. Laughton, | 1 00 | |
| 71. | Dana Crockett Co., | 10 63 | |
| | Helen Higgins, | 3 00 | |
| | Total, | | $74 00 |

SUPERINTENDENT ACCOUNT

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To town appropriation, | $150 00 |

Cr.

By Jas. A. Hamlin, $150 00

SUMMARY

| Total assets | | Total expenditures |
|---|---|---|
| Common chools, | $1,921 67 | $1,600 55 |
| High school tuition, | 192 31 | 179 00 |
| Text books, | 75 00 | 71 13 |
| Miscellaneous, | 25 00 | 24 39 |
| Repairs, | 100 00 | 67 00 |
| Superintendent, | 150 00 | 150 00 |
| | $2,463 98 | $2,092 07 |

Total balance, school account $371 91

To the School Board and Citizens of Ripley:

I beg leave to submit my first annual report of the condition and progress of the Ripley schools. Last March, beliveing abrupt breaks in any system unwise, we engaged teachers with previous experience in your schools. I did not plan to make any great changes, but made four or five visits to each school so that I might become more familiar with the conditions, and so might be able to make gradual changes that would result in lasting benifit to the pupils. In about all cases I found the pupils civil, obedient and obliging.

But I find here a habit that is very common in other places, but is more detrimental to your schools on account of the small size of the town. I refer to the practice of listening to the petty tales of pupils and outsiders, and discussing or blaming the instructor in the presence of those who attend her school. In some cases this goes so far that I almost regret the invention of the telephone.

The influence of the school upon the pupil's life should be of more value than the facts learned. If a

pupil's respect for the teacher is taken away, this influence is ruined. The thing most needed to make our schools prosper is an increased feeling of friendly cooperation between the home and the school. If a criticism is needed, make that criticism in a frank, friendly way to the teacher and not about her. In this way your work may be constructive and not destructive. Teachers, schoolboard, and superintendent are human and liable to make mistakes; therefore I urge the utmost frankness between all who are connected with the management of our schools. Do not feel that you are kicking, but the first thing you do not understand, come to us and talk the matter over freely.

Last spring we were obliged to have 13 weeks school in some districts in order to secure the number of weeks required by law. The attendance this year has been fair, but I am not satisfied, for I feel that it can be improved. If pupils feel that they should go to school only when there is nothing else to do, they can not attach the importance to their work that they should. I realize the difficulties of sending young children over hard roads and during rough weather, yet I feel that there is even greater danger of teaching our children to avoid difficulties rather than overcome them, than there is of endangering their health.

The influenza has been the worst epidemic since the black plague and has broken up the work of the fall term, but the unusual conditions this winter have enabled us to make up all lost time, so that we can start the spring term with a fair prospect of increasing the length of the school year. This is greatly needed, for our children can not obtain a training in 30 weeks that will put them on a level with those who are in school for 38 or 40 weeks. Money to do this has been furnished us by the State.

The schoolhouse at West Ripley has been shingled,

the Mills school has been righted and drawn together, and the stove at the Jones school has been repaired.

I feel that more money should be provided for up-to-date text books, especially in the line of reading.

Three of our teachers are paid $10 a week and one is paid $11. This amount must be increased if we expect to retain or secure teachers who can by training and personality benefit our children as they should. You will notice from the financial report that the amount raised for High school tuition was not enough to pay the bills, and the prospect is that the bills will be larger next year.

I wish to thank the teachers for their loyal co-operation, and the citizens of Ripley for their friendly help which has made my work most pleasant.

We recommend the following appropriations for the next year:

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| For common schools, | $950 00 |
| text books, | 100 00 |
| miscellaneous, | 35 00 |
| repairs, | 100 00 |
| High school tuition, | 150 00 |
| Superintendent, | 150 00 |
| Flag, | 10 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. A. HAMLIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Approved

J. S. LAUGHTON,

H. L. WAKEFIELD,

F. L. TIBBETTS,

Superintending School Committee.

# Report of Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

For the year ending Feb. 12, 1919.

1918 Births

Feb. 16 To Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDonald, a daughter.
Mar. 17 To Mr. and Mrs. Othie Sawyer, a son.
Mar. 25 To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart, a son.
May 26 To Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bane, a son.
May 3 To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vicnaire, a daughter.
May 24 To Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Perkins, a son.
June 6 To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill, a son.
Dec. 8 To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Briggs, a daughter.
Dec. 9 To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butler, a daughter.

1918 Deaths

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Apr. 15 | Henrietta Randall, | 75 yrs. | 3 mo. | 22 da. |
| Apr. 25 | Emily Stewart, | 61 yrs. | 10 mo. | 18 da. |
| May 9 | Horace Ellms, | 84 yrs. | 8 mo. | |
| June 19 | Green G. Robinson, | 59 yrs. | 2 mo. | 4 da. |
| July 5 | Sidney Ellis | 68 yrs. | 8 mo. | 29 da. |
| Nov. 7 | Charles Russell, | 57 yrs. | 7 mo. | 26 da. |
| Dec. 25 | Geo. Hersom, | 72 yrs. | 11 mo. | 29 da. |
| 1919 | | | | |
| Jan. 3 | Myra Bane, | 68 yrs. | 11 mo. | 29 da. |
| Feb. 8 | Malinda Skillings, | 77 yrs. | 8 mo. | 22 da. |

1918 Marriages

June 9 Clyde Cook and Agnes Woodcock.
Aug. 28 Earle Weeks and Lillian Thoms.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. ADDITON,
Town Clerk.

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